

From: [Sharla Arledge](#) on behalf of [Comments](#)
To: [Kourtney Romine](#); [Mick Thomas](#)
Subject: FW: Comment Submitted
Date: Monday, August 03, 2020 09:44:42 AM

From: Department of Lands <no-reply@idl.idaho.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 9:17 AM
To: Comments <comments@idl.idaho.gov>
Subject: Comment Submitted

From: Brett Smith, PE at ecabrett@cableone.net
Phone: 2085019984
Address: 372 S Eagle Road, Suite 146
City: Eagle
State: Idaho

Comment:

I wish to express my concerns regarding the proposed Barlow #2-14 oil/gas well that Snake River Oil and Gas (SROG) wishes to spud soon. The proposed location for this well is along the banks and WITHIN the floodplain of the Payette River and just 20 feet from the Barlow #1-14 well which was drilled by Alta Mesa in 2018. Unless drilled and completed by the absolute best industry standards and also in compliance with 40CFR112 (Spill Rule of the Clean Water Act), oil/gas wells within a floodplain and especially along a river, could contaminate Fruitland's water supply, as they are just upstream from the city's water intake plant. These wells would invariably contaminate the surface water and groundwater and adversely impact surrounding homes and farms, not to mention wildlife and livestock living in or near the river.

Having worked as an Exploration Geophysicist with Conoco back in the 1980s and now as an Environmental Engineer / Geophysicist who keeps Petroleum Marketers (who store / sell bulk fuel and oil) in compliance with the EPA, the idea of ANY well being drilled / completed within a floodplain and also ALONG a river such as the beautiful Payette, is wholly repugnant, reckless and irresponsible to the point of being criminally negligent!

Come on you guys! Do the job your constituents (ie, those who pay your salaries!) need you to do and PUSH BACK on such environmentally reckless practices!

Thanks for hearing me out on this.

Sincerely,

Brett D. Smith, PE
President, Environmental Compliance Associates, LLC
Eagle, Idaho